

# Welcome to St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lancaster



## Sunday Worship

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23rd Sunday after Pentecost: November 13, 2022

The Prelude: Handbell Ringers - *Joy, Joy, Joy* (10:30am)

\* The Greetings \* The Invocation \*

Opening Hymn

ELW 769

*If You But Trust in God to Guide You*



1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle  
2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less  
3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and  
4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -  
an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's  
qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -  
ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in  
keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who  
fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has  
serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.  
took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.  
cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.  
con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

## Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who redeems us in Christ Jesus, whose steadfast love endures forever. Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have ignored voices that call for your justice. We have neglected actions that witness to your righteousness. We have spoken and acted in ways that disrupt your beloved community. We truly repent of things we have done and left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Restore our troubled spirits, so that we may live in newness, follow the way of the Spirit, and build up the body of Christ. Amen.**

Rejoice and be glad! God hears the prayers of all who cry out, and restores us to life through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## The Prayer of the Day

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

# The Hymn of Praise



☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



☐ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

The First Reading: Malachi 4:1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98 (*Read Responsively*)

Sing a new song to the Lord,  
who has done marvelous things,  
whose right hand and holy arm  
have won the victory.

**O Lord, you have made known your victory,  
you have revealed your righteousness  
in the sight of the nations.**

You remember your steadfast love  
and faithfulness to the house of Israel;  
all the ends of the earth  
have seen the victory of our God.

**Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

Sing to the Lord with the harp,  
with the harp and the voice of song.

**With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
shout with joy before the king, the Lord.**

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,  
the world and those who dwell therein.

**Let the rivers clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,  
who comes to judge the earth.**

The Lord will judge the world with righteousness  
and the peoples with equity.

The Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## The Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

### The Gospel Reading: Luke 21:5-19 Glory to you, O God.

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict.

You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon  
Rev. Jamie Retallack

Hymn of the Day

ELW 766

*Lord of Our Life*



1 Lord of our life and God of our sal - va - tion, star of our  
2 See round your ark the hun - gry bil - lows curl - ing, see how your  
3 Lord, you can help when earth - ly ar - mor fails us; Lord, you can  
4 Peace in our hearts, our trou - bled thoughts as - suag - ing, peace in your



night and hope of ev - 'ry na - tion: hear and re - ceive your  
foes their ban - ners are un - furl - ing. Lord, while their poi - soned  
save when dead - ly sin as - sails us; and, in the day when  
church, where kin - dred souls are rag - ing, peace, when the world its



church's sup - pli - ca - tion, Lord God Al - might - y.  
ar - rows they are hurl - ing, you can pre - serve us.  
hell it - self ap - palls us, grant us your peace, Lord:  
end - less war is wag - ing, peace in your heav - en.



# Rite of Confirmation for

Timothy Gierlinger  
Isabella Granata  
Emily Rice  
Anja Schiavone  
Brogan Zak

Dear friends, we rejoice that you now desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and its mission in the world.

Brothers and sisters in Christ: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his Church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from his Word God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been nourished at his holy table and called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize:

Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

**I do.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear his Word and share in his supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

Let us pray: Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made these men and women your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

God in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in (*name*) the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm their faith, guide their life, empower them in their serving, give them patience in suffering, and bring them to everlasting life. *Each person answers: "Amen."*

### The Prayers of the Church

Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

...Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

### The Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## Prayers of Intercession

United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world. *A brief silence.*

Reviving God, keep your church active in its mission and ministry. Encourage bishops, deacons, pastors, and lay leaders to risk boldly in their proclamation and fill them with wisdom and endurance for challenging times. Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Renewing God, as the northern hemisphere prepares for winter, make us mindful of the ordered beauty of your creation. Teach us to treasure cycles of rest and new life. Help us care for what you have made. Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Loving God, accompany all who make sacrifices for the sake of others. Safeguard first responders and active duty military personnel. Grant peace to veterans and heal any wounds in body, mind, or spirit. Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Healing God, your people cry out to you. Sustain doctors, nurses, and hospital personnel in their tireless work. Uphold mental health professionals and those in their care. May the sun of righteousness rise on all who are sick (especially Elliana Meyers, Flip Roth, Beatrice Gill, Brianna Wood, Edna Mann, Jackie Engelbach-Ugale, Tom Donhauser, Bernie Lewis, Leon Yarrington, Mary Ellen Simpson, Jon Drosendahl, Jim Moon, Nanci Schnebly, Art Plant, Gloria Richards, and the family and friends of Gary Basher.). Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Uniting God, unite this assembly in its shared mission and ministry for the sake of the gospel (specific ministries or initiatives may be named). Highlight ways we can better work together and give us patience to work through disagreement. Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Consoling God, abide with all who grieve for loved ones who have died (especially). Comfort us with the promise of resurrection and new life with you. Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

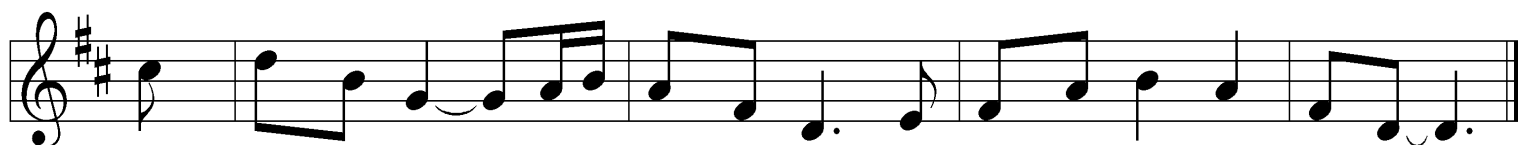
Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## The Offertory Music

### The Offertory Hymn



- 1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
- 2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.
- 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.  
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.  
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

### The Offertory Prayer

Blessed are you, Maker of all things. As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

### The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

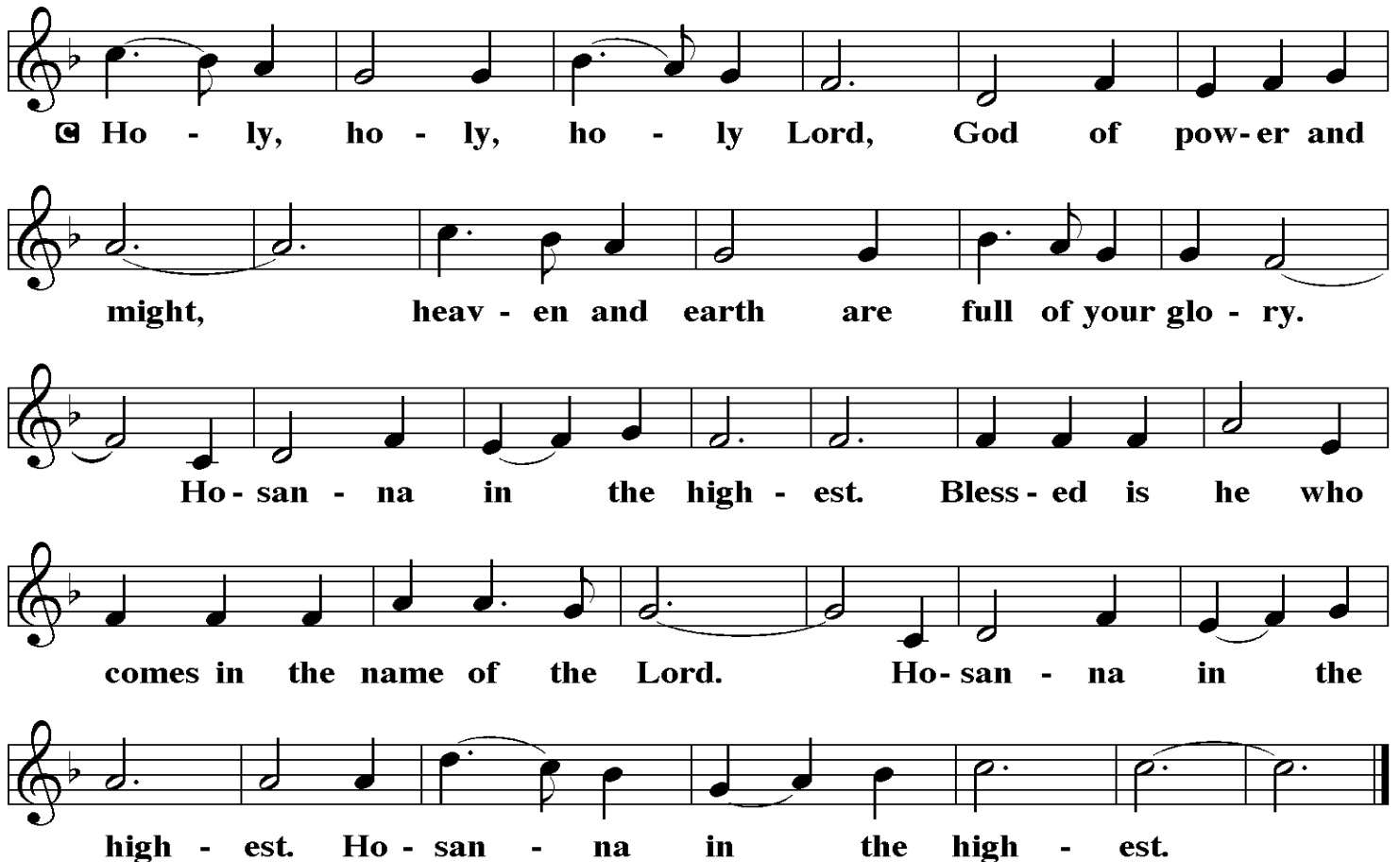
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

## The Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## The Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took the bread, and after giving thanks He broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## The Invitation

### The Lamb of God



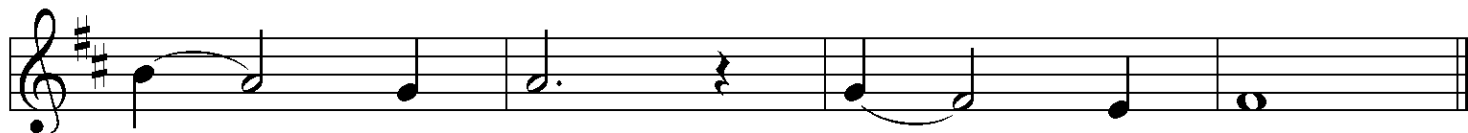
**Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.**



**Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.**



**Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;**



**grant us peace, grant us peace.**

Communion Music  
Handbell Ringers - Joy, Joy, Joy (9:00am)  
LBW 212



## The Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*Lord remember us in your kingdom  
and teach us to pray...*

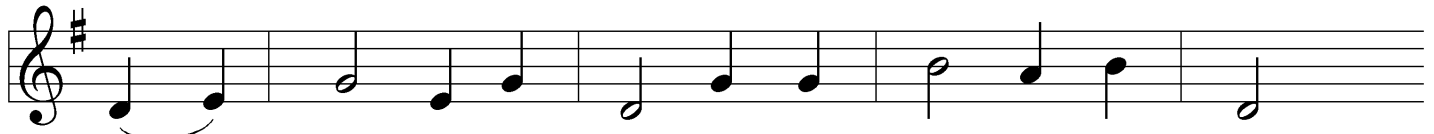
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory;  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## The Sending Prayer

We give you thanks, most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise. Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Benediction

*How Firm a Foundation*



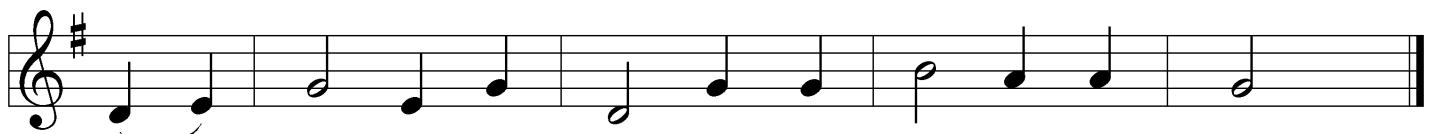
1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!  
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said  
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."  
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."  
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

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The Sending  
 Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.  
**Thanks be to God.**

# The People of St. John's Welcome You to Worship Today!

If you would like a pastoral visit for any reason, please call the office or call Pastor directly on his cell @ (716) 848-9683.

## This Week at a Glance

Sunday	11/13	9:00am	In person/Streamed Service Sunday School
Sunday	11/13	10:00am	Joysingers
Sunday	11/13	10:30am	In person/Streamed Service Confirmation
Monday	11/14	4:30pm	Guiding Eyes
Monday	11/14	7:30pm	Chordsmen
Tuesday	11/15	9:30am	Quilters
Tuesday	11/15	7:00pm	Narcotics Anonymous
Thursday	11/17	1:00pm	Bible Study
Thursday	11/17	6:30pm	Handbell Practice
Thursday	11/17	7:30pm	Choir Practice
Friday	11/18	7:30pm	Narcotics Anonymous
Saturday	11/19	5:30pm	In person Service
Sunday	11/20	9:00am	In person/ Streamed Service Sunday School
Sunday	11/20	10:00am	Joysingers
Sunday	11/20	10:30am	In person/ Streamed Service

## FRIENDSGIVING

Sunday, November 20th From 6pm-8pm  
Turkey & Lasagna will be provided  
Youth bring a dish to pass

We pray for Elliana Meyers, Flip Roth, Beatrice Gill, Brianna Wood, Edna Mann, Jackie Engelbach-Ugale, Tom Donhauser, Bernie Lewis, Leon Yarrington, Mary Ellen Simpson, Jon Drosendahl, Jim Moon, Nanci Schnebly, Art Plant, Gloria Richards, and the family and friends of Gary Basher.

**Altar Guild**

Sharon Walker & Carol Graham

**Deacons**

9am Sam Miller

10:30am Kathy Snyder

**Ushers**

9am TBD & TBD

10:30am Linda Kosta & Kathy Burr

The flowers on the altar this week are in honor of all the confirmands from the Rices and RaeAnn Jakubowski.

We are again participating in **The Salvation Army Angel Tree** program, bringing joy to children this Christmas season! Please take a tag from the tree and replace it with a star. You can purchase the gift listed (or something similar) and then place presents in a gift bag with the tag securely attached to the outside. Gifts should be returned to church **by Sunday, Dec. 11th!** Additional gifts may be purchased. The greatest need is for infant toys and board games for 10-12 year-olds. Envelopes are hanging on the trees for cash or check donations (made payable to Salvation Army). Please place in the offering plate. Let's continue to share our blessings! If you have questions, call Carol Schwertz at 716-861-1619.

**Altar Flower Arrangements** are \$30 (for 2). Available dates: 11/20, 12/4, 12/11, 1/1, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29



**FOR YOU WHO REVERE MY NAME  
THE SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS SHALL RISE,  
WITH HEALING IN ITS WINGS.**

**MALACHI 4:2A**

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

*St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church provides  
an inviting environment for spreading God's Word  
through worship, teaching, and fellowship to address  
the spiritual needs of our congregation and community.  
Open - Inviting - Alive in Christ!*

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